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SRI K. G. MUNISWAMI GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received recently from the ryots of Wallajah and Arkonam taluks in North Arcot district about their loss of crops due to attacks by insects and pests; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—" (a) No representation has been received from the ryots of Wallajah taluk regarding the prevalence of pests. A few representations were received from the ryots in Arkonam taluk.

" (b) There was a pest attack only on a limited scale in a few villages in Arkonam taluk. In Wallajah taluk, there were no cases of attack by pests on a large scale. The Agriculture Department has been keeping a careful watch and taken necessary preventive and control measures even in cases of very mild incidence. The petitions for grant of remission for loss of crop on account of pest attack have been sent to the Revenue Officers for necessary action."

Irrigation of lands in Coimbatore and adjacent taluks.

* 2044 Q.—SRI P. S. RANGASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government propose to divert the waters of the rivers flowing from the Kundah Hills from west to east with a view to irrigate the lands in Coimbatore and its adjacent taluks?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The answer is in the negative, Sir."

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans.

* 2045 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposal was under the consideration of the Government some four years back for the assignment of house-sites to the Harijans in Sepakkam village, Vriddhachalam taluk, and

(b) if so, the reason for the delay in implementing the proposals so far?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Harijans of Sepakkam village, South Arcot district, applied to the Collector for provisions of house-sites in the year 1951. As the sites selected by the Harijans were unsuitable for house-building purposes, the proposals could not be pushed through. In 1953, on the further representations from the Harijans, the Collector selected some other

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lands. The owners of the lands raised objections to the acquisition. The proposals were again modified in consultation with the Collector and orders were issued for acquisition in June 1954. The owners of the lands again preferred objection petition to Government and after considering these objections, the Government excluded certain lands from the acquisition proposals and approved in May 1955 the proposals for the acquisition of other lands in Sepakkam village.''

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு இப்பொழுது கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் நிலம் வீடுகள் கட்டுவதற்கு தகுதியில்லாமல் களிமண் பூமியாக இருக்கிறது. முன்பு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட நிலத்திற்கு சர்க்கார் கொடுக்கக் கூடிய விலை அதிகப்படியாக இருக்கிறது. அதனால் கொடுக்கமுடியவில்லை என்று சொல்லி கொடுக்காமல் இருந்துவிட்டார்கள். அந்த நிலங்களுக்கு சர்க்காரால் எவ்வளவு பணம் கொடுக்க முடியுமோ அதைக் கொடுத்து விட்டால் மேற்கொண்டு கடன் வாங்கியோ அல்லது வேறுவிதமாகவோ அந்த நிலங்களை ஹரிஜனங்கள் வாங்கிக்கொள்ளத் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால் அந்த நிலத்தை மறுபடியும் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? அதைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் மறுபடியும் யோசிக்குமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, this will unnecessarily result in considerable delay and therefore Government do not propose to reconsider the question. This matter has been pending for the last four years. I do not think that the Harijans would be waiting for some more time as suggested by the hon. Member. Therefore Government want to see that the orders passed by the Government are implemented.''

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" அந்த நிலங்களைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு எவ்வளவு நாட்களானாலும் பாதகம் இல்லை. ஒன்றிரண்டு வருஷங்களானாலும் பாதகம் இல்லை. அந்த நிலம் சௌகரியமான நிலம். தண்ணீர் பிடிகால் இல்லாமல் வழிந்தோடி சுகாதார வசதியுள்ள நிலமாக அது இருக்கிறது. அந்த இடத்தையே கொடுக்கவேண்டும். நாளானாலும் ஆட்சேபனை இல்லை. அதற்கு வேண்டிய ஏற்பாடு செய்ய முடியுமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The land that is assigned now is fixed for house-sites. Some Harijans want that garden lands should be given to them. Therefore there is certainly objection. I would advise the Harijans to accept what is given now and get the house-sites as quickly as possible.''

Usufructs in the compound of the Government Brennen High School, Tellicherry.

* 2046 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any amount by the sale of the usufructs in the compound of the Government Brennen High School, Tellicherry, North Malabar; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report or complaint by the visitors of the school in respect of the same?